REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
Council of Ministers

DECISION

No 655, dated 18. 12. 2002

On
ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF THE NATIONAL SYSTEM STRUCTURE ON CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

Pursuant to Article 100 of the Constitution, and Article 4 and 5, point 1, 11, points 1, 13 and 35 of the Law no. 8756, dated 26. 03. 2001 “On Civil Emergencies”, at the proposal of the Minister of Local Government and Decentralization, the Council of Ministers

DECIDED:

1. To establish the Civil Emergency Planning and Response Department in the structures of the following ministries:

   - Ministry of Defense
   - Ministry of Public Order
   - Ministry of Health
   - Ministry of Agriculture and Food
   - Ministry of Territory Adjustment and Tourism
   - Ministry of Transports and Telecommunication
   - Ministry of Education and Science
   - Ministry of Industry and Energy

2. Employment of specialists on civil emergency planning and responses in the:

   - Ministry of Environment
   - Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
   - Ministry of Finance
   - Ministry of Justice
   - Ministry of Economy
   - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
   - Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs

3. Civil Emergency Planning and Response Commission will function in the ministries mentioned in points 1 and 2 of this decision. The composition, functioning and liabilities
are defined by the respective Minister, in compliance with Article 11, point 1 and 2 of the Law 8756, dated 26. 03. 2001 “On Civil Emergencies”. Tasks of this commission are defined in the “Recommendations” Annex, following this decision.

4. The National Operational Center on Civil Emergencies, with a permanent structure in normal times, and with a temporary structure in case of civil emergencies, functions in the structure of the Ministry of Local Government and Decentralization, in the Civil Emergency Planning and Response Department;

   a. The temporary structure is made up of the permanent structure. Specialists of ministries and of other institutions, representatives of the Albanian Red Cross, and in case of necessity, even international specialists are called/announced, according to the kind of emergency.

   b. Respective ministries and institutions select and define one to two field specialists that have all the necessary data for the sources of their institution, and the necessary authority to take an active part in decision taking.

5. A Civil Emergency Planning and Response office is established in the composition of the structure of the Prefect administration.

   a. The Civil Emergency Planning and Response Commission are established in a regional level and functions under the auspicious of the Prefect. The composition, way of functioning and responsibilities of this Commission are defined at an Instruction of the Minister of Local Government and Decentralization;

   b. The Civil Emergency inspector is appointed as member of the vice-prefect office organics.

6. For the local units:

   a. The Civil Emergency Planning and Response Office is established in the Municipality of Tirana.

   b. The structure of this office is given in the attachment 1/a of this decision.

   c. A specialist is charged with a secondary function to cover the civil emergency problems in the regional chairman administration structure, in the municipality/commune head administration.

7. Recruitment and treatment of the personnel of the civil emergency structures:

   a. The personnel that will be recruited in the above structures should be chosen from the contingent of the former military personnel, according to the specifics of the respective institutions;

   b. Criteria for selection of the personnel are defined in an Instruction of the Minister of Local Government and Decentralization;
c. Nomination of the civil emergency personnel in the administration of the prefect is made by the Prefect according to the procedures provided by the laws in power;

d. The personnel of the civil emergency structures has the same status with the status of the personnel of the institution it belongs to;

e. Number of the employees, salary fund and the expenditures of this structure should be covered by the annual budget of respective institutions;

8. Command places for special times, which have been under the administration of the district former councils pass to the administration of the Prefect, while those of the community are administered and maintained by the municipalities and communes;

9. Decision no 292, dated 27. 03. 1995, “On the Transfer of MCR Service to the Ministry of the Interior”, and any other decision or structure that runs contrary to this decision is abrogated.

10. Ministry of Local Government and Decentralization is charged with implementation of this decision.

This decision enters power after publication in the “Official Journal”.

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    FATOS NANO

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